

# Gompers in Skit Loses Wilson's Back Door Key

Gridiron Club Crystal Gazer  
Sees Harding Notify Labor  
Leader That White House  
Lock Has Been Changed

Best Minds Are Depicted

Seer Reveals New President  
Sending League Pact to  
Alien Property Custodian

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The thirty-fifth annual dinner of the Gridiron Club was made the occasion to-night of a post-mortem on the Presidential election, the purpose being to give the politicians and some of the statesmen present an opportunity to see themselves as others saw them during the campaign.

One of the episodes was a front porch meeting at Marion, Ohio, set to music, with such characters as Senator Harding, Harry M. Daugherty, former Senator Weeks, Al Johnson, W. J. Bryan and "Slush Fund Rumor" participating. Mr. Daugherty stalked the front porch in the role of Koko, the Lord High Executioner, while there was a rumormongering in the "Slush Fund Rumor" invaded the Harding lawn. During the skit Will Hays sang plaintively to the Republican candidate a political parody on "Then You'll Remember Me," only Mr. Hays's request was "So Please Remember Me."

Depicts Fate of League

In another episode a crystal gazer, reading the political future, saw President Harding sending the League of Nations to the Alien Property Custodian. The gazer also announced that the crystal revealed President Harding receiving from Samuel Gompers the key to the back door of the White House and returning it with a note, saying:

"May I not, my dear Mr. Gompers, ask you to keep this key as a souvenir? I have changed the lock."

The seer revealed that Harding was to work on a message to Congress. He said he could not give the text, but assured an inquirer that "the style will cause any intellectual inconvenience."

The crystal gazer also found former Senator J. Hamilton Lewis applying for the job of publicity director under Harding, but his services were declined.

Mark Anthony Hitchcock delivered his famous oration over the body of the League covenant following closely a historical model. He explained that he came to bury the covenant, not to raise it.

Meeting of Best Minds

Another extension of the post-mortem to the fields of prophecy was a meeting of the "best minds" at Marion. A conference with President-elect Harding. They included Colonel George Harvey, former President Taft, Senators Borah, Johnson, Knox, Lodge, La Follette and General Leonard Wood, Governor Lowden, Mr. Gompers, Herbert Hoover and Ethel Root. They appeared dressed as school boys, and Colonel Harvey insisted on being the "master mind" because he was the author of the "conspiracy" that elected Harding.

Chief among the interested witnesses to the post-mortem were Vice-President Marshall, to whom the club presented a large silver gridiron as a token of its regard. Similar gridirons were sent to the White House as a gift to President Wilson, who was unable to attend the dinner.

Besides the Vice-President, the guests included Attorney General Palmer, Secretary Daniels, Secretary McCreath, Secretary Payne, Postmaster General Hurdless, Sir Archibald Cochrane, the British Ambassador, Jules Jusserand, the French Ambassador, Auguste Auler, the Brazilian Ambassador, Associate Justice McReynolds, of the Supreme Court, General Pershing, Major General Wood, and many members of the Senate and House.

## Little Hope for Bonus Bill Senators Will Hold Hearings, But Finances Are Obstacle

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Though the Senate Finance Committee to-day decided on hearings on the soldiers' bonus bill, which already has passed the House, the indications are the bill will not be passed by the Senate this session.

The committee will begin hearings Wednesday next, and will have representatives of the American Legion before it. They will be heard by the entire committee.

In view of the state of the Treasury and the estimates that the measure would mean a heavy drain on the Treasury, Senators said they did not believe it would be possible to get legislation at this session.

## Legislative Clash Dooms Obregon's Reform Program

Laws Pending Seven Years  
Still Hung Up and Special  
Session Probably Will Be  
Called to Meet the Crisis

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MEXICO CITY, Dec. 11.—Political leaders have virtually given up hope of getting Congress to act on President Obregon's constructive legislative program at the present session. Disagreements and factional disputes have made it probable that when this session ends automatically late this month Obregon will call a special session, in which he will seek an alignment of political parties that will assure adoption of his program.

Illustrative of the present chaos was Thursday's session of the lower house, which broke up in an uproar after a series of disorders in the cloak-rooms and on the floor in which the deputies pounded each other on the head with their canes. Fists were used freely, too, and the chairman, struggling for two hours in an attempt to subdue the house, finally adjourned the sitting.

The impasse in the present session has the President without adequate laws on banking, labor, petroleum, lands and schools. Measures on these subjects have been pending for seven years. The leaders of Congress still hope that the budget can be passed for action next year, but if this should fail Obregon has power sufficient to carry the country over temporarily without congressional action.

The troubles in the House of Deputies arose out of a discussion of the local elections for the federal district, which were so hotly contested that several casualties resulted. Both the Obregonistas and their opponents claim victory.

Several similar disputes are pending in different parts of the country, and President Obregon has summoned a number of state Governors to come to the capital, where measures for straightening out these difficulties can be discussed. All these problems are local and no one doubts the nature of a rebellion against the Federal government, it was explained by government officials. The independents contend that military pressure was used in all parts of the country in the recent election to assure the election of Obregonistas. As a consequence a law is expected to be presented to prevent the military from voting hereafter.

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## Libel Suits Blast Tranquillity of L. I. Good Cheer Colony

"Malice Toward None" Is  
the Motto of Club, but  
Woman Says Man Called  
Her a "Vile Reptile"

Two \$10,000 damage suits, each involving charges of libel, and revealing unrest in the Franklin Colony, established at Woodhaven, L. I., under the motto, "Good Cheer to All and Malice Toward None," were filed yesterday in the Brooklyn Supreme Court.

Louis A. Sarrow, a cap manufacturer of Manhattan, and founder and president of the Utopian colony, is the defendant in one damage suit. Sarrow's wife, Anna, is the plaintiff in the other suit, and she seeks damages from Mrs. Rose Neikind, who is the plaintiff in the action against Sarrow. All the litigants live in Woodhaven.

Mrs. Neikind, who is the wife of Benjamin Neikind, bases her action on two letters, alleged to have been written by Sarrow and in which it is asserted, he alluded to Mrs. Neikind. In a letter, written August 31, 1920, Sarrow is alleged to have written that the Franklin Colony had been "poisoned by vile reptiles in the form of human beings who have crept into our garden of happiness." In the same letter he is said to have suggested the disbandment of the colony.

In a second letter Sarrow is alleged to have written: "The source of the

trouble at the Franklin Colony has been a person without character, without self-respect, who has maligned every one who has had any relations with her, domestic, social or business."

In the same letter Sarrow, it is asserted, wrote: "Let those among us who have in their hearts the truly brotherly and sisterly feeling which is gift of God, get together again." Mrs. Sarrow's suit against Mrs. Neikind is based on the assertion that Mrs. Neikind slandered her when she is said to have remarked to other colonists that "Mrs. Sarrow takes long walks with my husband," and "Mrs. Sarrow came to my house one night and rang the door bell. Everything was in darkness in the house. She and my husband went out for a walk together."

Mrs. Sarrow alleges that there was no justification for such remarks.

## Betty Tevis's Body Sent To Her Home in Kentucky

Mrs. Joseph T. Talbert, of 110 East Fifty-fourth Street, departed last night for Richmond, Ky., accompanying the body of her sister, Miss Betty Tevis, eighteen years old, who on Thursday night killed herself with a revolver after a telephone conversation with a young man. Funeral services were held yesterday in St. George's Church.

Rumors persisted yesterday that the young man who had telephoned was a sailor who had killed Miss Tevis, or that suicide was her recourse when Mrs. Talbert ordered him to cease his attentions. The identity of the young man was not established. He was said to be twenty-four years old, had come here recently from Oklahoma and had posed as a member of the Yale Club and the possessor of much wealth.

## Contagious Cases Delay Arrival of Adriatic 20 Hours

Sails 3 Days Before Aquitania,  
Docks Later; Franklin Op-  
poses Immigration Bill;  
Captain Home From Poland

The White Star liner Adriatic, which left Southampton three days ahead of the Cunard Line's Aquitania, did not land her passengers yesterday until three hours after the Cunard's travelers had disembarked. Two cases of illness in the steerage which required blood examinations for diagnosis caused the vessel to be held twenty hours in quarantine. The patients were transferred to Swinburne Island, which is reserved for travelers suffering from contagious and infectious diseases.

P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Company, which operates the White Star Line, returned on the Adriatic after a short trip to London.

The attempt of Congress to enact legislation that would suspend immigration to this port for one year did not meet with Mr. Franklin's approval. He said it was his personal opinion that drastic restriction of immigration at this time would be the worst kind of economic folly.

"It is a well known fact," he said, "that there is a shortage of manual labor in this country. We need every pair of hands we can get to overcome

this shortage. Everybody knows that it is impossible for the farmers to get enough labor to work their farms properly."

He said he was in favor of intelligent restriction of undesirable immigration, and that the steamship companies were desirous of aiding the government in keeping out of the country paupers and vicious, deficient and idle aliens.

Another traveler on the Adriatic was Captain H. H. Bailey, an American who has been serving as an officer with the Polish army.

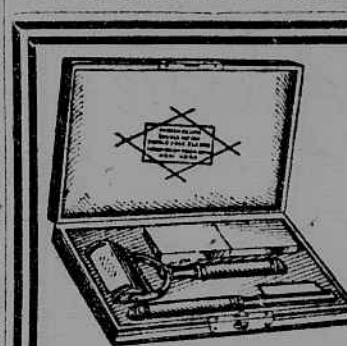
The question in Poland to-day, he said, is not "Will the Reds come?" but "When will they come?" The Polish people, he said, are greatly alarmed over the prospects of another Red invasion, but are determined to defend themselves to the end of their resources and man-power. The demobilization of the Polish army, which began with the armistice with the Reds, has been stopped. The halt came because of military intelligence that the Russians are moving their armies to new and effective positions on the Polish frontier.

## Bill for Farm Relief Is Blocked in Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Protracted debate prevented a vote in the Senate to-day on the joint resolution directing revival of the War Finance Corporation as a relief measure for farmers. Recession was taken until noon Monday with an informal understanding that a vote would be taken not later than 3 o'clock on that day.

Objection to that section of the reso-

lution which would direct that the Federal Reserve Board provide more liberal credits for farmers marked the debate to-day. Senator Smoot, Republican, of Utah, gave notice that he would move to strike out the section, and Senator Thomas, Democrat, Colorado, said he would ask for a separate vote on it.



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